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1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are requested under 37 CFR § 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application. The information is requested to complete the background description in the disclosure by documenting the prior art system Applicant references on pg 1 of the specification.

In response to this requirement, please provide copies of the following:

A) An English copy of the Japanese patent application JP-A-2002-222061.

2. The fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97.

3. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete response to the requirement for that item.

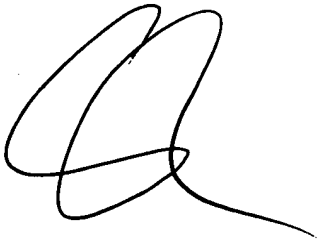

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